

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-3, and 5-26 were pending in the Application. Applicant has elected to amend certain claims and cancel others without prejudice and disclaimer. The amendments to these claims are not the result of any prior art reference and, thus, do not narrow the scope of any of the claims. Furthermore, the amendments are not related to patentability issues and only further clarify subject matter already present. All of Applicant's amendments have only been done in order to advance prosecution in this case. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-16, 18-22, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0007969 to Hundscheidt ("*Hundscheidt*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0176404 to Hundscheidt ("*Hundscheidt*"). The Examiner rejects Claims 3, 11, 17, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hundscheidt* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0187926 to Karjanlahti ("*Karjanlahti*"). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Currently, no reference of record, including *Hundscheidt* and *Karjanlahti*, offers an architecture in which "...wherein the signaling information includes an access point name (APN) that is used to match the end user to the multicast service group..." Such limitations are provided for in Independent Claim 1, but no reference of record includes such elements.

The Examiner cites portions of *Karjanlahti* (in his §103 analysis) for some of these features. However, at those passages, there is no disclosure of these particular items. For at least these reasons, Independent Claim 1 is allowable over any cited reference. The other Independent Claims recite limitations similar, but not identical, to those recited in Independent Claim 1. Therefore, these claims are also allowable, for example, for the same reasons as identified above. Additionally, the corresponding dependent claims from these Independent Claims are also patentably distinct for analogous reasons.

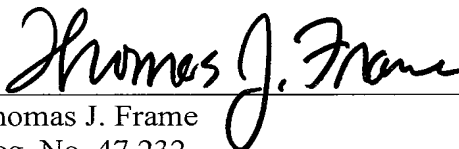
CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes no fees are due; however, if this is not correct the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Thomas J. Frame at 214.953.6675.

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